



# THE CENTRO

Official Bulletin of the

**Rotary**



Club of Sta. Rosa Centro

The Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro meets virtually :  
every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month at 7:00pm.

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PP Geralyn "Jay" Dee	Water & Sanitation
PP Teodora "Doray" Lucero	Maternal & Child Health
PP Evelyn "Evs" Laranga	Peace & Conflict Resolution
Rtn Allan Olano	Economic & Community Development
Rtn Gloria Bedienes	Disease Prevention & Treatment
PP Joel Liza "Liza" Pineda	Environment
Rtn Joseph Rey "Jay-R" Alcala	Vocational
Rtn Heylie "Heylie" Lu	Youth
Rtn Bituin "Star" Piccio	International
PP Jacqueline "Jacqui" Victoria	The Rotary Foundation
PP Cong. Arlene Arcillas	Public Image
PDG Consuelo "Chit" Lijauco	Club Trainer

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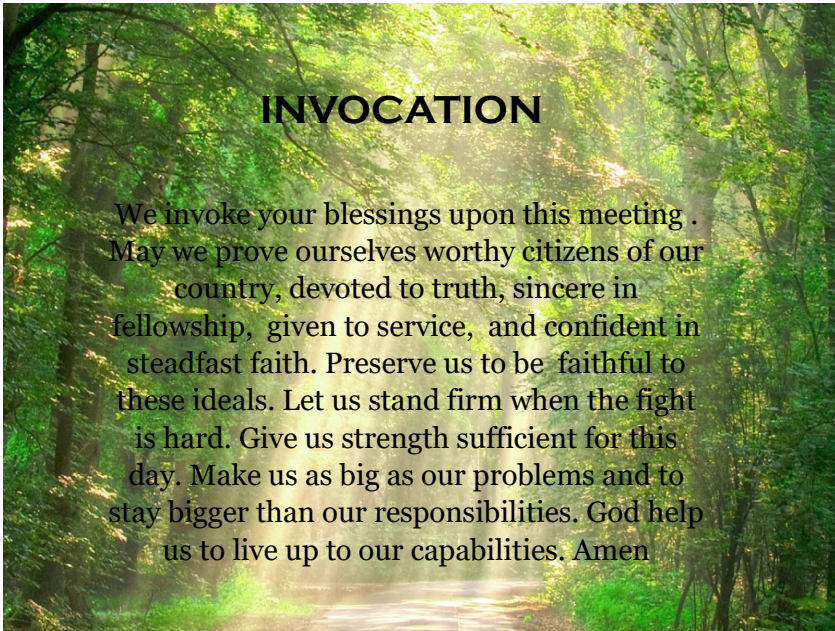
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**The Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro****PROGRAM**  
**July 15, 2020****GOVERNOR'S VISIT & INDUCTION PROGRAM***Rotary Year 2020-2021**July 15, 2020 via Zoom***GOVERNOR'S VISIT PROGRAM****(9AM to 10AM)**

I.	Call To Order	TrP Belinda Barroga
II.	Invocation	Rtn Allan Olano
III.	Philippine National Anthem	CD
IV.	Welcome Address / Opening Remarks	PP Michelle Baldemor
V.	Presentation & Discussion of Club Thrust & Goals	TrP Belinda Barroga
VI.	Response from the District Governor	DG Renato "Rey" Atienza
VII.	Turnover of Governor's Ley	TrP Belinda Barroga & Treasurer PP Hazel Ramos
VIII.	Closing Remarks	PE Joseph Rey Alcalá
IX.	Adjournment	TrP Belinda Barroga

**Master of Proceedings: PN Roselle Animo****INDUCTION PROGRAM****(10:10AM to 11:10AM)**

I.	Registration of Guests	Centronians
II.	Welcome Number	ChP Cecile Gabatan
III.	Call to Order	Rtn Star Piccio
IV.	Invocation	CD
V.	Philippine National Anthem	Emcee
VI.	Acknowledgment of Rotarians and Guests	TrSec Mary Ann Gonzales
X.	Welcome Address / Opening Remarks	ChP Cecile Gabatan
XI.	Valedictory Address	AVP of TrP Bel
XII.	Presentation of Incoming President	AVP of RAC TrP Anthony
XIII.	Presentation of RAC President	DG Rey Atienza
XIV.	Induction of Incoming Presidents	TrP Bel & RAC Anthony
XV.	Inaugural Speech	TrP Bel
XVI.	Inaugural Speech of RAC	RAC TrP Anthony
XVII.	Handover of Bell & Gavel & PPs Lei	IPP Cecile and TrP Bel
XVIII.	Induction of New Officers	PDG Chit Lijauco
XIX.	Presentation of New Members	Emcee
XX.	Charging of New Members	PDG Kit Reventar
XXI.	Induction of New Members	TrP Bel
XXII.	Token & Pinning	
XXIII.	Sisterhood Signing	
XXIV.	Introduction of Guest Speaker	PP Carol Salvahan
XXV.	DG Message	DG Rey Atienza
XXVI.	Presentation of Token	TrP Bel & Sec Mean
XXVII.	Closing Remarks	PE Joseph Ray Alcalá
XXVIII.	Adjournment	TrP Belinda Barroga



## OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



## The 4-Way Test

*of things we do and say:*

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

### ♪♪\*Sweet Rotary♪♪ (The Centro Hymn)

When it began  
I can't believe it happened  
But then I know it's going strong  
2001  
That's when it came to being  
Who'd have believed  
we'll grow to be...

\*Hands, touching hands  
\*Reaching out, touching me,  
\*touching you  
\*Sweet Rotary  
\*Sta. Rosa Centro's good  
\*I've been inclined  
\*To believe we're going strong  
\*And now, I...

Look all around  
So many help is needed  
C'mon, together I know we could  
And when we hurt,  
We can just smile and bear it  
'Coz we were born  
to serve and be...

Warm, touching warm  
Reaching out, touching me,  
touching you  
\*Sweet Rotary  
\*Sta. Rosa Centro's good  
\*We're going strong  
\*We are here for all of you  
And now, I...  
(Repeat \*)

**RC Centro's GREAT!**

**Leaders become great, not because of  
their power, but because of their  
ability to empower others.**

~John Maxwell



## President's Message

Good day Centronians!

Our kick-off project: Urban Gardening, a continuous project for RY 2020-21 was participated by our fellow Centronians by sharing their photos in their respective gardens. My heartfelt gratitude to your early accomplishments.

Having been locked down for more than 3 months in Baguio and short of 4 days before the kickoff. It was a short period to do gardening. Hopefully before the year ends, majority if not all were able to have a garden where we can harvest our produce for sustainability.

Amidst the pandemic, together with PP Precy granted the invitation for sister club signing of RC Batangas Mid West. IPP Cecille graciously provided us transportation for she has previous commitments that hindered her from joining us. That was my first time to attend and meet the club members, their hospitality is overwhelming. Fellowship among Rotarians is something really worth forward to.

Yours in Rotary,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Belinda Barroga". The signature is written in a cursive style.

**BELINDA CLOTILDE M. BARROGA**  
**Transforming President**  
**RY 2020-2021**

# EDITORIAL

## Opening Opportunities thru Rotary

Our theme for this year is “Rotary Opens Opportunities” . But how exactly do we do that? How can we Centronians, open opportunities? This rotary year is also called the “Transforming Year”. And similar question arises, how can we transform lives?

RI President Holger Knaack chose this theme as he is encouraging Rotarians to seize the many opportunities Rotary offers to enrich their lives and the communities they serve.

President Knaack said that “We believe that our acts of service, big and small, create opportunities for people who need our help. Rotary creates leadership opportunities and gives members the chance to travel the world to put their service ideas into action and make lifelong connections. Everything we do opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere.”

One thing for sure, our current and future activities are consistent with the vision and mission of Rotary and with this year’s theme. Our projects have constantly transformed lives—giving livelihood opportunities, reaching out to fellowmen in need and transforming their lives. Our scholarship program, for instance, would definitely transform the lives of our scholars.

With this in perspective, we already have opened opportunities . We just need to strengthen our projects, open our eyes to new approaches and enhance whatever we have done so far . And we will indeed successfully transform lives of a lot more people.

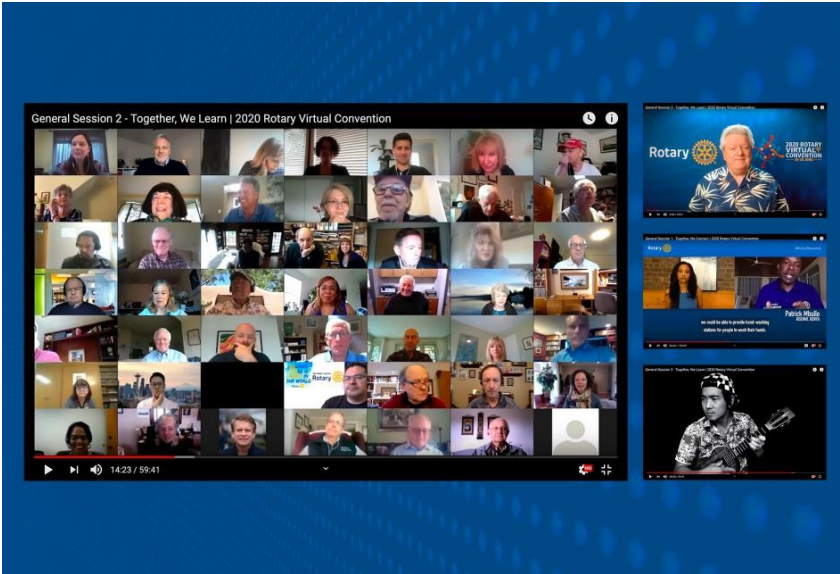
By: IPP Cecile Gabatan





**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**  
News & Updates

## Rotary's first virtual convention inspires members to innovate and stay connected



Rotary's first-ever virtual convention attracted more than 60,000 registrants and 175,000 viewers during its weeklong program. The robust participation shows that Rotary members are finding ways to experience fellowship and fun, key parts of Rotary's annual international convention, despite the COVID-19 pandemic that forced the cancellation of the in-person convention planned for Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, this year.

The first general session was 20 June. Virtual attendees made nearly 19,000 chat comments during the 75-minute session, showing that members used the opportunity to engage and stay connected with each other.



## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL News & Updates

RI President Mark Daniel Maloney acknowledged that canceling the convention in Honolulu was a difficult decision but said he was inspired by how members worldwide have stayed connected, adapted to their changing circumstances, and helped those in need during the crisis.

Maloney said that unusual times have forced Rotary to adapt and look for different ways to grow Rotary.

“Now we are experiencing in real time how important it is to create new club experiences,” he said.

Maloney also said, “We had hoped to hold the most environmentally friendly convention in Rotary history [in Honolulu]. Guess what? We succeeded. We are holding a Rotary Convention like no other, with no air travel, no hotel rooms, leaving a remarkably small carbon footprint.”


### Rotary INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The 2020  
ROTARY VIRTUAL CONVENTION

12-16 June 2021  
TAIPEI

PAST &  
FUTURE

**NOW MORE THAN EVER,  
ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD:**  
**THE 2020 ROTARY  
VIRTUAL CONVENTION**  
20-26 June 2020

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2020 ROTARY  
VIRTUAL  
CONVENTION  
20-26 JUNE

#### Save the Date for Rotary International's Free Virtual Event

"Now More than Ever, Rotary Connects the World: The 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention"

When: 20-26 June

Source : [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)



**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**  
**News & Updates**

## Rotary provides \$20 million to help communities worldwide respond to COVID-19

EVANSTON, Ill. (June 23, 2020) — Rotary members throughout the world are working safely and diligently to assess and provide for urgent community needs as they strive to respond and recover from the effects of COVID-19 coronavirus.

While following social-distancing and health guidelines, they are providing comfort and hope to those feeling the effects of isolation and fear, and focusing their resources and solutions toward supporting frontline health workers and first responders as they battle this disease and save lives.

“As leaders in virtually every community on earth, we bring a unique combi-

nation of local knowledge and access to a global network of expertise and resources,” said Mark Daniel Maloney, president of Rotary International. “In the face of uncertainty, we are adapting to shifting needs to offer immediate help to people at a rapid pace. And we'll remain committed to recovering from this health crisis for as long as it takes.”

Rotary members are taking action to provide a range of solutions including handwashing stations and food to those unable to social distance in Kenya, lifesaving information about preventing the spread of COVID-19 in India, ventilators and protective gear for overstretched hospitals in Italy and vital social connections to neighbors who live alone in Bethesda, Maryland.

The Rotary Foundation, Rotary’s charitable arm, has to date awarded \$20 million to support Rotary clubs worldwide in their immediate response to COVID-19 in their communities, and to long term recovery efforts.



# Centro-In-Focus



## Centro's Kick-off Project Urban Vegetable Gardening

In this time of a pandemic, we have begun to value things- especially food, differently. Access to food is no longer that easy even if you have the means financially. The queues in supermarkets are long and yet when you get in, the shelves are half empty.

This project is an initiative to transform unused portions of one's own residence to gardens with edible plants for food security. This will limit the number of times that Centronians would need to go out to buy food.

Joining the project are the following Centronians



PP Leny Burke  
(Australia)



PP Zeny Dictado

Centro In-Focus



Rtn Allan Olano



PP Joel Liza Pineda



IPP Cecile Gabatan



Rtn Larry Gonzales

Centro In-Focus

Sisterhood Signing with RC Batangas Mid-West

July 3, 2020

For several years now, RC Batangas Mid-West has always been the first club we renew our sisterhood agreement with. This year is no different as President Belinda Barroga and PP Precy dela Cruz travelled to Batangas for the sisterhood signing.



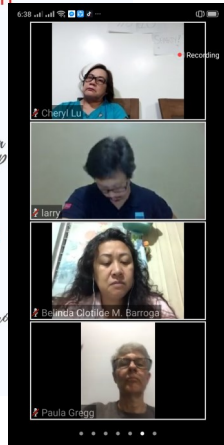
RC Sta Rosa Centro holds it's very first virtual meeting for the Transforming Year

July 3, 2020



Tonight's Program

- Call to Order** Pres. Belinda Barroga
- Invocation** PP Cheryl Lu
- National Anthem**
- The 4-Way Test** IPP Cecile Gabatar
- Object of Rotary** PP Jacqueline Victoria
- Acknowledgement of Guests** PP
- Service Project Report**
  - Induction Ceremony
  - Orientation on Video Recording
  - Governor's Visit
- Other Matters** IPP Cecile Gabatar
- President's Time** Pres. Belinda Barroga
- Adjournment** Pres. Belinda Barroga



Centro In-Focus

# VIRTUAL Club Turnover and Awarding Ceremony

June 12, 2020

The Club turnover was held virtually to handover the leadership from Champion President Cecile Cecile Gabatan to Transforming President Belinda Barroga.



On the same ceremony, awards were handed out virtually to Centronians who gave their unwavering support during the champion year. Congratulations to the awardees.





## Minutes of the Meeting

### **1st VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING ROTARY CLUB OF STA. ROSA CENTRO 3 JULY 2020, FRIDAY, 6:00PM**

Present:

President Belinda Barroga  
PP/Sec Mary Ann Gonzales

PP Maya Padiernos  
IPP Cecile Gabatan  
PP Priscila Dela Cruz  
PP Carol Salvahan  
PP Jackie Victoria  
PDG/PDG Chit Lijauco  
PP Cheryl Lu  
PP Liza Pineda  
PP Leni Burke  
PP Michelle Cagandahan  
PE Joseph Alcala  
Rtn. Heylie Lu  
Rtn. Paula Gregg  
Rtn. Larry Gonzales  
Rtn Star Rodriguez  
Rtn. Cindy Aguilar

The meeting had a quorum attended by 18 members.

The meeting was called to order by Transforming President Belinda Barroga at 6:15PM.

The invocation was led by PE Joseph Alcala, the Four-Way Test by PP Jackie Victoria, Object of Rotary by Rtn. Paula, and Acknowledgement by PP Carol Salvahan. The Chairwoman of the Night is PP Liza Pineda.

Videos of the recently held District Awards where the club won as Outstanding Club, Outstanding President, and Outstanding Secretary (Gold Category) for RY2019-2020 were previewed. IPP Cecil Gabatan thanked all the members in support to the said Rotary year.

Secretary's Report

Reminders:

Incoming Virtual District Events are the following:

- a. Strategic Planning for Membership & Public Relations Webinar (8 July 2020, 7AM); and
- b. Virtual Rotary Foundation & Grant Seminar Management Seminar (12 July 2020, 7AM).



## Minutes of the Meeting

### Service Project Report

Videos of the kick-off project, Urban Vegetable Gardening, in response to the District's whole year round project were also previewed. The members will do vegetable gardening thru potting or in-ground at their backyard.

Classification Talk – Rtn. Larry Gonzales, Service Project Director

Rtn. Larry introduced himself as a father of two children and a loving husband to his supportive wife. He was able to join Rotary thru Past President Precy Dela Cruz and is privileged to be a member of the Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro. He said he enjoyed Rotary not only because of helping other people but also because of the fellowship and camaraderie. As an Assistant Manager in National Shipowners' Association, he shared that the new normal in this time of COVID19 is really challenging - he is only able to see his family only once a week for their protection.

### Youth Service

Project Title – "Tell Me a Story" (Storytelling Online)

Project Chairman PN Roselle Animo

Co-Chair: Rtn. Paula Gregg

Rtn. Paula discussed that it will be difficult for school children to gather because of the pandemic. And in order to continue our mission of promoting literacy, we will have to partner with Santa Rosa DepEd, the City of Santa Rosa, and other organisations to help us with the new method of learning online like posting monthly reading sessions via Facebook to encourage the children to read, write, and communicate in their home. It will also be a good time to share and recommend books with each other to help hone their reading, writing, and comprehension skills.

### Zoom Account for the Club

The club admin, PP Liza Pineda, recommended that the club get a registered zoom account with a monthly payment that will be deducted from the President's fund.

### President's Time

Transforming President Belinda Barroga requested the members to attend two incoming district events.

The donation of face masks, alcohol dispensers, and groceries to Bahay San Raphael in Cavite, Amadeo is scheduled on July 7 at 9AM together with PP Eves Laranga.

### Adjournment:

There are no other matter to discuss hence the meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.



## ROTARY CORNER

### The HISTORY OF ROTARY



Paul P. Harris, an attorney, wanted to create a professional group with the same friendly spirit he felt in the small towns of his youth.

On 23 February 1905, Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey gath-

ered at Loehr's office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. This was the first Rotary club meeting. They decided to call the new club "Rotary" after the practice of rotating meeting locations.

Within five years clubs had formed across the country, from San Francisco to New York.

In August 1910, Rotarians held their first convention in Chicago. The 16 clubs that existed at that time united to form the National Association of Rotary Clubs.

In 1912, the name changed to International Association of Rotary Clubs to reflect the addition of clubs in other countries. The name Rotary International was adopted in 1922.

By July 1925, Rotary had grown to more than 2,000 clubs and an estimated 108,000 members on six continents.

Rotary's reputation attracted presidents, prime ministers, and a host of other luminaries to its ranks — among them author Thomas Mann, diplomat Carlos P. Romulo, and composer Jean Sibelius.

As Rotary grew, members pooled their resources and used their talents to serve their communities. The organization's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its motto: Service Above Self.



## Reflections

It has been the way of Rotary to focus thought upon matters in which

members are in agreement, rather than upon matters in which they are in disagreement. "

Paul P Harris



*"Friendship was the foundation rock on which Rotary was built and tolerance is the element which holds it together."*

*— My Road to Rotary*

## Birthdays for the month of July

Wednesday, July 1

Happy Birthday!! Hazel Ramos

Saturday, July 4

Happy Birthday!! Carol Salvahan

Saturday, July 25

Happy Birthday!! PP Evs Laranga

Friday, July 31

Happy Birthday!! Mayor Arlene Arcillas



## Treasurer's Report

### Club Dues

Collections from July 1 to July 15, 2020

Heylie Lu	650.00
Cheryl Lu	650.00
Bing Arias	4,800.00
Larry Gonzales	1,450.00
Roselle Animo	650.00
Cecile Gabatan	1,150.00
Gloria Bedienes	650.00
Michelle Baldemor	3,200.00
Joaquin Gonzales	250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,450.00</b>

**Next Meeting : Order of Business**

**The Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro  
Regular Meeting with Speaker  
PNP Chief Archie Gamboa**

**P R O G R A M  
August 7, 2020**

Call to Order	TrP Belinda Barroga
Invocation	PP Joel Liza Pineda
National Anthem	AVP
4-way Test	Rtn Star Piccio
Object of Rotary	Rtn Larry Gonzales
House Rules	PP Mary Ann Gonzales
Acknowledgment of Guests	IPP Cecile Gabatan
Introduction of Guest Speaker	Hon Mayor PP Arlene Arcillas
Q & A	
Closing Remarks	PE Joseph Alcala
Adjournment	TrP Belinda Barroga
Centro Hymn	AVP

**Master of Ceremonies  
PDG Chit Lijauco**



**PROUD  
MEMBER**

## Roster of Members

	Name	RotaryID	Classification	Birthdate
1	Joseph Rey Alcala	10080295	Events Management	Jun 7
2	Roselle Animo	9418286	IT Professional/Web Developer	Jun 11
3	Arlene Arcillas	8275828	City Mayor	Jul 31
4	Michelle Baldemor	8879856	Retail	May 01
5	Belinda Barroga	10422881	Retail	Jun 3
6	Gloria Bedienes	8612318	Trading	Apr 13
7	Daniilo Bendong	6526107	Businessman	Apr 27
8	Priscila De la Cruz	5333454	Leasing	Aug 24
9	Ma. Geralyn Dee	8574451	Interior Design	Dec 09
10	Zenaida Dictado	6416676	Pallet Manufacturing	Sep 14
11	Daniilo Fernandez	9757207	City Representative	Jan 14
12	Ma. Cecilia Gabatan	8612321	Real Estate Broker	Oct 27
13	Larry Gonzales	10651089	Education—Maritime	Oct 30
14	Lauro Gonzales	10651090	Seafarer	Jan 11
15	Mary Ann Gonzales	5333525	Cooperative	Mar 20
16	Paula Maria Gregg	9641847	Education	Sep 12
17	Evelyn Laranga	8465660	Education	Jul 25
18	Consuelo Lijauco	5333445	Magazine Editing	May 15
19	Cheryl Lu	5333496	Pest Control Services	Apr 17
20	Heylie Lu	9202750	Nurse	Mar 31
21	Teodora Lucero	8045358	Midwife	Sep 18
22	Elenita Ma	6261683	Dentist	Jan 10
23	Allan Raymund Olano	10776168	Maritime	Feb 9
24	May Grace Padiernos	5984127	Furniture Retail	May 06
25	Bituin Piccio	10601407	Businesswoman	Jan 21
26	Joel Liza Pineda	7019336	Human Resource Provider	Mar 30
27	Hazel Ramos	6165816	Money Lending	Jul 01
28	Enrico Robles	10226768	Banker	Nov 20
29	Aurelyn Salandanan	8773229	Obstetrics-Gynecologist	Mar 18
30	Carolina Salvahan	5333457	Window Fashion Contractor	Jul 04
31	Jacqueline Victoria	6556182	Watch Services	Nov 07



## Attendance Report

	<b>15 July 2020 Club Induction</b>
No. of Active Members	22
No. of Members Present	19
No. of Members under rule 85	1
Make-up Attendance Credit	
On leave	8
Attendance % (Percentage of attendance per meeting / total no. of meetings)	<b>86.38</b>

Meeting: FRIDAY

No. of Meetings per Bylaws: 2

No. of Members as of July 1, 2020: (31 members)

No. of Members under rule 85: 0

\*Rule of 85: If your age and membership of at least 20 years = 85, you can be excused from attendance policy.



## Special Observances

July 2020

Start of Rotary Year 2020-2021

August 2020

Membership and New Club Development Month

September 2020

Basic Education and Literacy Month

October 2020

Economic and Community Development Month

November 2020

The Rotary Foundation Month

December 2020

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

January 2021

Vocational Service Month

February 2021

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution

March 2021

Area of Focus: Water and Sanitation

April 2021

Area of Focus: Maternal and Child Health

May 2021

Youth Services Month

June 2021

Rotary Fellowships Month

# Rotary

## Club of Sta. Rosa Centro

### VISION

The Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro is the place to be for **professionals** to nourish a culture of **service** while fostering lasting **friendships** and causing their own **development, growth, and empowerment.**

### MISSION

The **Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro** is committed to:

The care of **WOMEN and CHILDREN**, pioneering in programs that address their needs

The care and preservation of the **ENVIRONMENT**, providing clean and healthy surroundings for children to grow up in.



The spread of **LITERACY**, specifically for women and children.

Providing **LIVELIHOOD** training, specifically for the women members of the community.

### Rotary Opens Opportunities

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